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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - RESEARCH VISIT BY ENTOMOLOGIST
DAVIS

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1. DR. DONALD R. DAVIS, CHAIRMAN OF ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT
OF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (SMITHSONIAN), PLANS
TO VISIT NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND KENYA DURING PERIOD

LATE JANUARY THROUGH END OF MARCH 1978 TO CONDUCT FIELD
STUDIES ON CAVE INSECTS AND SMALL MOTHS.

2. DAVIS EXPECTS ARRIVE LAGOS ABOUT JANUARY 28 FOR 9 DAY
VISIT TO COLLECT INSECTS IN CAVES WITH A LOCAL ENTOMOLOGIST,
MR. DEMMING, AND WILL CARRY NECESSARY SMALL COLLECTION
GEAR INTO NIGERIA AS BAGGAGE.

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3. DAVIS HOPES ARRIVE PRETORIA ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 7TH
AND WILL VISIT TRANSVAAL MUSEUM'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
DR. VARI, BEFORE TRAVELING SOUTH TO MOUNTAINS NEAR CAPE
TOWN TO COLLECT CAVE INSECTS AND MOTHS. THE TRANSVAAL

MUSEUM IS EXPECTED TO ASSIGN AN ENTOMOLOGIST TO ACCOMPANY

DAVIS DURING HIS FIELD RESEARCH. DAVIS EXPECTS CONCLUDE RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT END OF 3RD WEEK IN MARCH.

4. DAVIS WILL GO TO KENYA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SOUTH AFRICA TO COLLECT CAVE INSECTS. COLLABORATION IN KENYA IS NOT YET CERTAIN. RESEARCH WILL BE CONCLUDED ABOUT THE END OF MARCH. VANCE

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